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Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

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Photo courtesy of UAS

This spring's Turkey Bowling turned into more of a throwing than rolling event. For more pictures and story, see page 6.

TO BUILD OR NOT TO BUILD: Juneau debates linking to the rest of the world

Daniel Buck
THE WHALESONG

Once again the people of Juneau are debating whether or not to build the road from Juneau to Skagway. Though people have been discussing this issue for many years, recently the state government proposed building the road

again, this time estimating \$280 million to complete the project. Critics worry that this money would be pulled from other much needed road improvements throughout the state. There were two public open houses in mid February here in Juneau, and one in Haines and Skagway, all of which brought large crowds

that were split evenly down the middle on the issue.

The 68.5-mile road would connect Echo Cove, at the end of the current Juneau road system, with Skagway, at the north end of Lynn Canal. The road would wind its way along the coast of the east side of Lynn Canal at the base

of steep glacier carved walls of the fjord. When the road comes to the Katzeihin River delta, there will be a small ferry that will take passengers across the canal to Haines. It is estimated that it would only take two hours to drive to Skagway,

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Textbook Mafia? Prices increased 62 percent since 1994

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By Mike Boyer
FOR THE WHALESONG

Higher education is getting more expensive. Tuition and fees increased about 10 percent last year at state universities and now averages about \$10,600 per year. The University of Alaska is still a bargain relative to the rest of the country. A full-time resident pays around \$3,000 in tuition and fees. Non-resident students pay about 3 times that amount, but many (especially those from WUE participating states) still pay less for tuition at UAS than they would back home.

One place UAS students aren't getting any bargains, however, is on their new textbooks. Students here are getting hit with spiraling textbook costs just as hard as our counterparts in the Lower 48 (even harder considering shipping). The meteoric rise in textbook costs is much harder to justify than recent tuition increases traceable to the double whammy of decreased state dollars and increased employee retirement and healthcare costs.

In fact, some practices in the publishing industry are suspect and directly contribute to increasing costs. According to a report by the Public Interest Research Group (PIRG) (www.pirg.org/highered), textbook publishers have increased prices 62 percent since 1994—nearly four times the rate of inflation. New editions, the study found, are being churned out every 3.8 years on average and cost an average of 12 percent more. In some cases very few substantive changes are made in new editions. In one of my classes, for example, I found exactly one change in the new edition: the publisher had changed the cover from blue to orange. Otherwise, every word and page was the same.

New editions are just the start. Publishers have now adopted a pervasive practice known as "bundling." Materials such as workbooks or a CD-ROM are frequently shrink wrapped to the text. Through this metamorphosis, the same book somehow costs 10 percent more than when it stands alone. The final bundle of materials commonly costs 50 percent more than the textbook alone, according to PIRG. Perhaps worst of all, 65 percent of professors surveyed said they rarely or never used the materials bundled with the text.

The industry's suspect pricing practices are particularly virulent in the United States. The PIRG study found publishers charge students in United States more than students in other countries for the very same product. The same textbook costs 20 percent, 50 percent, or even 70 percent more in the U.S.



than in the U.K., Europe, Africa and the Middle East (even adjusted for currency valuations).

The end result is that the average college student in America pays an average of \$900 per year on textbooks alone. That may be a drop in the bucket for student at very expensive public and private colleges. But at UAS \$900 dollars is almost one-third the annual tuition cost!

Textbook costs would also be more acceptable if all the money went to a worthy cause—like funding research, compensating the author, or supporting the university. But that isn't the case. University bookstores are nonprofits and the standard mark-up is around 26 percent (above the wholesale purchasing price). That covers overhead for storing, shelving, shipping, and selling. Most authors take even less than the bookstores. A colleague shared a number of book contracts from major publishing companies. Royalties generally run just 5 percent of sales (increasing up to 10-15 percent for the uncommon big seller). The hourly rate for writing an academic book is usually less than \$1 per hour.

A silver lining lingers in the textbook clouds if people take notice, and they are. The President of the Union of Students at UAA is drafting a resolution to the university. Most realize this is one college cost we can actually control through our collective behavior. Students, faculty, staff and administration can all work together to stem the tide of rising textbook costs without negatively impacting the quality of education.

Professors can weigh cost when selecting compa-

nable books, and I know many who already do. Some professors even teach sans textbook, opting for material they compose themselves, cull from the public domain, or utilize under the "fair use" doctrine. Atomic Dog Publishing (www.atomicdogpublishing.com) allows professors in some disciplines to tailor their own textbooks using existing or created content, and the resulting online or paper book sells for a fraction of the cost of a traditional textbook.

Universities can also play a major role in reducing textbook costs. Universities can act as a counterweight to the industry by keeping their own university presses thriving. Even more important, every college should encourage the use and sale of used textbooks when educationally appropriate. Used textbooks cost an average of 45 percent less than new editions, according to the PIRG study. Granted, at UAS we currently lack space in our current bookstore to warehouse texts, but stay tuned. Once UAS allocates storage space, the bookstore and faculty can team up to increase used book offerings and cut the costs to students by as much as half.

Finally, I sometimes chuckle at the whole textbook-centric learning concept. After all, Plato, Aristotle, Galileo, and Newton all seemed to do okay without Prentice Hall. In my discipline I am also fortunate because all state and federal court cases are in the public domain. Recently other government agencies such as

the National Institute of Health have made their libraries of studies and research available to the public for free. The United States government, after all, spends billions on producing state-of-the-art research on a wide range of topics, so we ought to consider integrating it into higher education where possible. Our library is also on the cutting edge in providing access to academic journals and e-books.

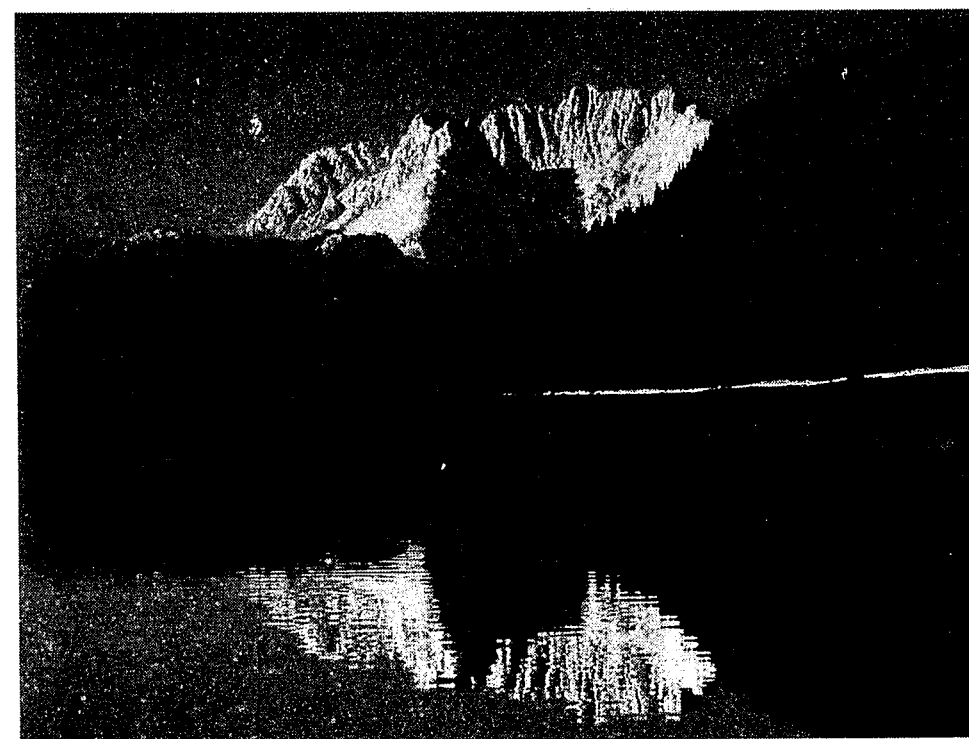
I must also confess to abandoning traditional texts for about a half dozen courses already in my career, and I expect to continue the trend toward either affordable, used, or no textbook at all. That is, unless the large men in suits from the publishing industry make me an offer I can't refuse...

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CAMPUS CALENDAR

The flood of print has turned reading into a process of gulping rather than savoring. - Warren Chappell



March 8, 9:00a.m.-9:45a.m., Woonchee Club Meeting, Student Lounge
March 9, 3:00 p.m., Ice Cream. Social, Mourant Cafe
March 9, 4:00p.m.-5:00p.m., Women's History Month, Women's Tea & Performance, Lake Room
March 10, 1:30p.m.-2:30p.m., WHM: Linda Hogan Craft Talk, Lake Room
March 10, 7:00p.m.-8:30p.m., WHM: Linda Hogan Reading, Egan Library
March 11, 1:00p.m.-2:00p.m., WHM: Women's Legislative Panel, Lake Room

March 11, 7:00p.m.-8:30p.m., Women's History Month: A Celebration of Women's Music, Activities Center
March 12, 10:00a.m.-Noon, Jazz Clinic, Egan Wing 112
March 14-19, UA Spring Break for Students (campus open)
March 26, 8 p.m., Chris Carter, Mentalist, Student Activities Center
March 26, Noon, Easter Egg Hunt, Mourant Courtyard
March 26, 8 p.m., Poetry Coffee House, Spikes Cafe, Egan building, second floor

Daniel Buck/Whalesong

Lions Head, also known as Spirit Mountain, reflects in the calm waters of Echo Cove, at the end of the road, on a cold and sunny weekend at the end of February.

Let us know what's going on in your corner of campus! Send your calendar events and birthdays you want announced to jywhale@uas.alaska.edu.

Board of Regents announce new technology certificates

John S. Sonin
THE WHALESONG

When UA President Mark Hamilton interrupted the Board of Regents meeting held here on Feb. 17, to partake in Winterfest, the result served UAS well with the creation of two new certification programs.

Whereas UAS already offers Construction Technology courses in AutoCAD, a computer software program assisting drafting students in construction design, it was determined at this meeting that the university would offer a drafting certification program hoping to attract new students and fulfill the increasing demand of Juneau design firms.

The university already offers courses in construction and conventional drawing techniques so combining them into a certification program is logical. "There seems to be a lack of trained drafting and AutoCAD people in Southeast," said Marquam George, assistant professor of construction technology. This special certification will prepare students for entry-level drafting technician jobs.

The drafting technology program

is slated to begin next fall. However the other new certification program will be ready to begin accepting new students in March.

Sheryl Washburn, patient care administrator at Bartlett Regional Hospital says there is a local shortage of radiological technicians. Such a certificate would train students to enter UAA's associate degree program in that field which is offered by distance delivery to Juneau, Ketchikan and Fairbanks. It seems that many of the over 100 applicants for the UAA program were unprepared to compete for admission.

With the state Department of Labor and Workforce Development projecting a 78 percent increase in health care related workers by 2010, a pre-radiological certification program will cover UAA's essential course requirements of basic life sciences and preliminary radiological technology training preparing students for admission.

With the diligence of our faculty and the commitment of our students these new programs won't end-up being tossed as did the turkey Hamilton hurled at Winterfest.

UAS receives a high grade as a regional university

UAS Public Relations

The University of Alaska South-east received an outstanding interim evaluation report from the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities Accreditation team's recent visit. The report stated that UAS "has made remarkable progress in the five years since its full-scale evaluation report." The report called UAS the "rising star in the University of Alaska system." Full accreditation visits are scheduled every ten years; the last UAS visit was in 1999.

The report also resulted in four commendations in the areas of strategic planning, use of technology, long-range fiscal planning in relationship to the strategic plan, and for the effective leadership of Chancellor John Pugh. The commendation praised Chancellor Pugh for his leadership in creating a regional University from three separate campuses, for his ability to be a tireless

advocate for the University and to see opportunity where others don't.

The report went on to say that UAS is an exceptional campus filled with dedicated faculty and staff who care for their students and its role as a regional resource. Board of Regents' Chair Brian Rogers described UAS as the system's nimblest institution in its ability and willingness to take advantage of unanticipated opportunities.

The evaluation team was impressed by the beauty of the campus, the increase in full-time students, the dedication to enhancing student life for residential students and the use of technology in all programs. They seemed most impressed with the University's guidance on sound financial policies in planning for future growth in all areas of the institution.

The next full-scale evaluation visit is scheduled for the fall of 2009. The full text of the report can be found Online at <http://www.uas.alaska.edu/provost/>.

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Finding Illiteracy in school parking

By Sandra Galeana
WHALESONG EDITOR

Have you noticed lately that the literacy in students has dropped to the point where basic words don't even form a complete thought in their heads? Not that it is surprising or anything, I suppose that school could be really stressful so any reading could cause the brain to hemorrhage, but I find that the degree of illiteracy is far more dramatic than I would like to see in my school. How have I come to this conclusion? Well let's face the facts.

In a recent look at our campus parking lot, I have discovered an enormous amount of cars parked on the sidewalks and in the middle of the road. These cars have found their way to such an

awful predicament have caused a little chaos in the parking lot. For one, backing out becomes a little more difficult,



and two, the drivers have a harder time driving into and out of the parking lot. True, drivers are supposed to watch their surroundings but the fact that cars are parked in unlawful areas makes the go-

ing tough.

But how can one explain their car sitting in these foretold areas? Truly the people of UAS are not lazy students, otherwise they wouldn't bother showing up for class. Handicapped is out of the question because there is special parking for that. So how can they justify parking in these spots? I have come to the one conclusion that some students from UAS are illiterate. It is eerie and scary to think that a sign which says, "No parking this side of street" does not register in their minds. Perhaps UAS should require a meeting for those who park on the sidewalk or in the street to teach that a "No Parking" sign is for the good of the community, and selfishness or plain stupidity makes UAS parking difficult.

Capitalism's Constitutional contradiction

John S. Sonin
WHALESONG OPINION

It's clearly evident to me, and I would hope it were to the "leading" personalities in our world, that if all supplies of the world's fossil fuel capacity were being extracted and converted to usable forms of energy and materials at its economic limit, that if wind, wave, and solar sources were being converted optimally for the level of expertise we're willing to develop and implement per cost, if nuclear energy was being utilized at its maximum allowable supply for the waste storage problems and harnessing deficiencies it presents, and that if any and all other sources of energy are being economically utilized in the most efficient way, how can anyone of Judeo-Christian heritage, and that is the standard for our American Constitution, feel they are just, fair, and good in consuming a disproportional amount of the world's energy supply?

It's certainly a travesty to think that western culture is exchanging goods to the rest of the world of equal chemical-complexity or energy-stored-composition at the chemical-complexity or energy-stored-composition for which it is maintaining its standard of living! It's thievery of one nation, or nations, by another, or others. We of western culture are only able to maintain a first world standard of living because the majority of earth's inhabitants don't.

Gauging a nation's wealth by what it as a whole produces (with a minority well-off but the majority not) and not dividing this number by that nation's

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Photo courtesy of University of Alaska Southeast

Mark Hamilton, president of the University of Alaska, attempts to make a frozen turkey fly at the bi-annual turkey bowl. Every participant who stayed for awards received a prize.

Poetry Corner The Rabble, Babble and Fabled

Ever notice how society resembles a babbling brook?

*It's awash with its rabble,
It veers then it crooks.*

*A faction, the dreary bunch, brittle as
dried leaf*

*When washed from their rank
They flow in gloomed grief.*

*Then we have the shallows, always at
odds*

*Contending only they
Know the will of their gods.*

*Babbling with each other, they fight with-
ering with time*

*Gurgling amidst stream
Then beached to rot and turn lime.*

*Others fasten to flotsam, falsely secured as
moored boat.*

*Unanchored they still snag others
Just wafting afloat.*

*Yet the majority will flow, towing the
line*

*Living their life shamed,
In what is our cultural crime.*

*But these babble are cleansed for they
know not their dirt*

*In the indirect thief from others
Who then must live hurt.*

*Then there's the few,
Who see what is real.*

*They don't fault all the flotsam
Just instill conscientious repeal*

*These "heroes" dare deviate
And send wander our brook.*

*Their fabled glory uncovers
Society's sanest moral outlook.*

By John S. Sonin

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population—a national average—creates a skewed value or distorted picture of national well-being.

China, with a little less than a quarter of the world's population, will not enter the First World as a whole without America and the West taking a directly proportional decline in its average living standard. The rest of the world can't live capitalism's Christian contradiction without increased terrorism presaging global upheavals.

Juneau colliding with a space station

James McCoy
WHALESONG CONTRIBUTOR

Did you see all the letters to the editor after they released the four finalists in the design competition? The truth is we are a city rich in gold mining history, the tourists love it or so we believe... but... When those four pictures hit the front page of the Juneau Empire did you catch the reaction?

History and traditional design flooded the letters to the editor section leaving me with a vision of the 1800's and the days of Soapy Smith of Skagway fame. I thought a bunch of miners came up for a breath of fresh air and bumped into the Star Trek Enterprise hovering over downtown!

You could hear the gasps all about town not to mention some pretty choice

words to sum it all up. Juneau has an enjoyable mix of folks, we look at the stars and are drawn to them as if we were star children, but don't change my backyard it will disrupt my comfort zone!

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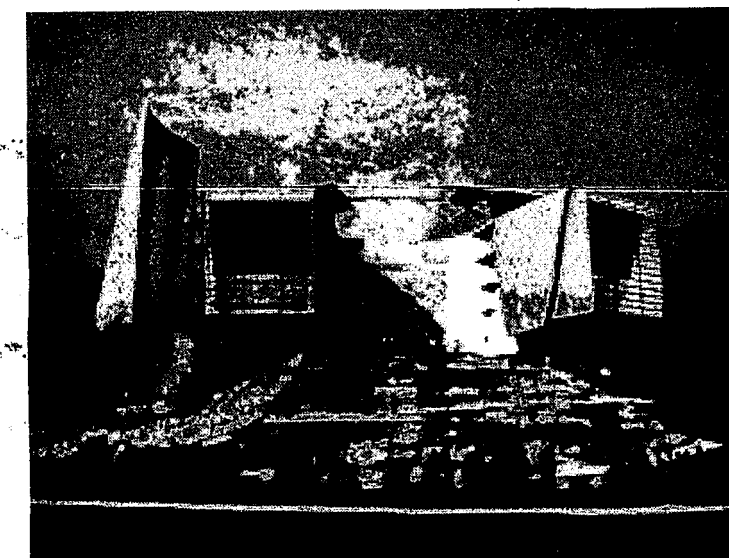
ering over downtown!

Change is good for the soul, that's why we all head south when the snow

fly's isn't it? Have you ever noticed that history doesn't change, it just repeats generation after generation. The past isn't a very good teacher but without change the past is all we have and all we will ever become.

Civilization type '0' will never advance to a type '1' and beyond as long as we are stuck in the rewind mode. I think blending the past into the future with a new radical design capitol building is a great starting point for Juneau to enter the 21st century with real newness in our hearts.

Many will say if it's not broken don't fix it, problem is, it's broken and repeating tradition won't fix it. We live in the last frontier where did we lose the adventuring spirit that brought us all here? Let's build it and they will come!



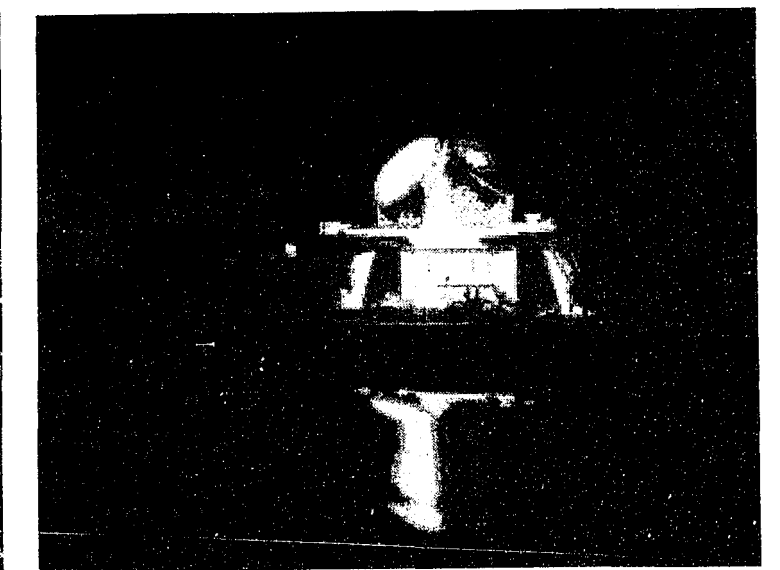
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Hoping that by putting power into his throw that he would hit a pin, Cody Bennett makes a wind up for the finish. He found out it is harder then it looks.

Photos courtesy of UAS

Turkeys Fly?

What does a turkey, snow, and UAS students make?

By Sandra Galeana
WHALESONG EDITOR

Excitement strikes as students from UAS bowl with a frozen turkey down a man made snow lane to win awesome prizes. Unfortunately snow is not the best thing to bowl on due to the fact that when the turkey would land on the snow, it would sink into the ice, so the competition quickly became how far someone can throw a turkey. Needless to say throwing a 10-pound turkey is a lot harder then bowling a turkey.

Why? The next time you buy a turkey, thaw the sucker a little, cover it with ice, and see if you can hurl the sucker 15 feet down a snow covered lane. It's not that easy. The slimy turkey becomes difficult to hold on to, and while the weight makes throwing it a great distance more difficult, the fact that this was once a live turkey and now an unhealthy raw meat (don't worry they all washed their hands) makes the idea repulsive.

Some students must have thought the same thing, because while students were having fun hurling the turkey down the lane, a student decided to protest the fact that a dead turkey was being used for other the edible reasons.



Realizing that bowling with a turkey was now an impossible task, students found that they would have to throw the turkey if they were to even have a shot at hitting any pins at the end of the pothole lane. Outside the Maurant Cafe over 50 percent of the students never hit a pin due to the insufficient lane.

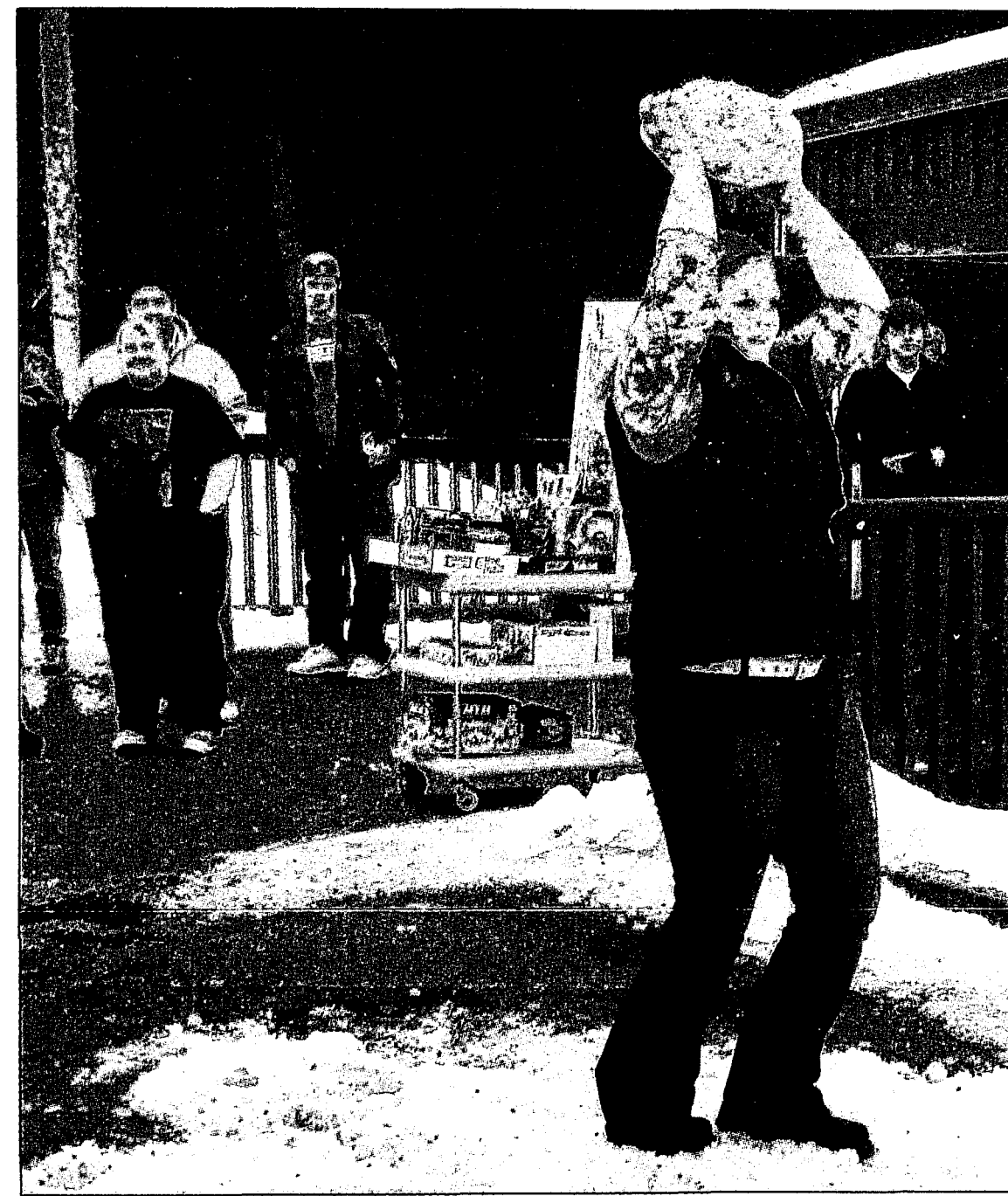
Using cardboard and a marker, a student formed a sign reading, "All life is sacred."

To keep students from worrying about the morbid fact that they were bowling with a dead turkey Tish Satre stated, "We use the same turkey every year." So all UAS students can relax since it will be a while before another turkey will have to die in order for students to throw it senselessly down a frozen lane.

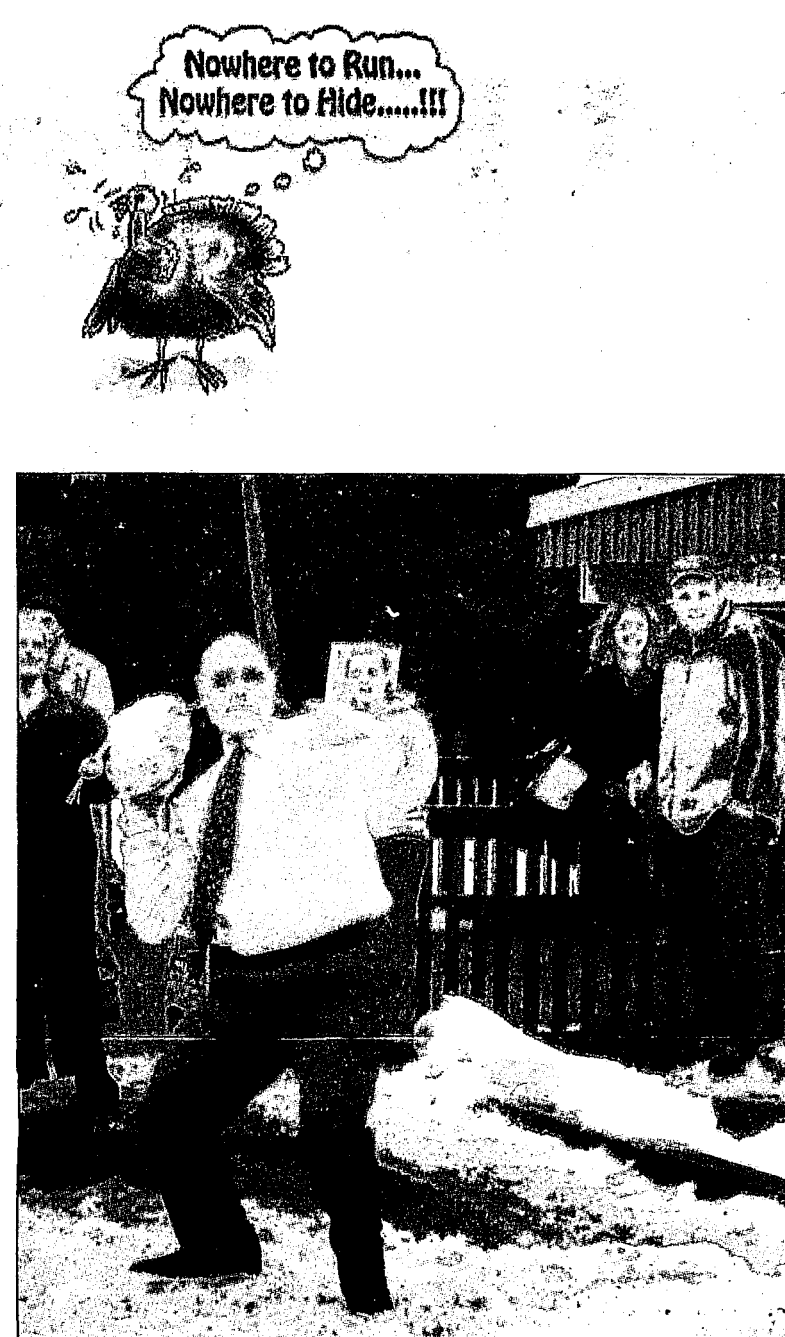
However, all the commotion didn't stop Mark Hamilton, the president of UAS, from taking a shot at turkey bowling. It just goes to show you are never too sophisticated to hold a slimy, turkey and jettison it 15 feet down a impossible snowy lane.



To stand up for turkeys everywhere, a student was willing to stand in freezing cold weather to protest the fact that people were bowling with a frozen turkey.



Once students found that the windup wasn't working in getting the turkey down the lane, a student risked getting turkey slime in her hair in order to throw the turkey farther. Unfortunately, slippery turkeys don't fly very well out of a persons frozen hands and the turkey fell a short distance away.



Finding that a simple throw makes the turkey go five feet, Hamilton decides to make a baseball throw. While the baseball throw went farther then his first, Hamilton still missed the pins.



Left: Cody Bennett aims down the slushy lane in hopes a strike. Above: One well-dressed student tried a move from *The Matrix* during her turn.



New shop opens to connect community to art of knitting

By Sandra Galeana
WHALESONG EDITOR

Ever watch a ball of yarn slowly metamorphose into a scarf, purse, or even an afghan? As the one skein of yarn flows perfectly into a tightly knitted scarf, one can almost feel the magical presence of yarn. It flows gently from a strand to a masterpiece. Realizing the awesome feeling and pride one gets from their creation, Nancy Huebschen decided suddenly, after spending too much money at yarn stores down south, that Juneau needed a store with a one-on-one basis to help the citizens create their own work of art.

Before opening the store, Huebschen needed a name that all would associate with yarn, a one word title that was catchy to an audience, and a name that would bring those who read it to seek out her store. Skeins was soon chosen as that magical word and with a burst of knitting energy Huebschen

created this community connecting store in the Airport Shopping Center on Oct. 1, 2004.

As if creating the store wasn't sufficient enough, Huebschen decided to bring the yarn lovers of Juneau together by having a Sit and Stitch, where people can come in, sit down in a homey environment, and work on their projects. This also provides the opportunity to ask questions and get some one-on-one help. There are also times when people who would like to learn how to knit can come in and take some classes. You can call Nancy Huebschen at 780-6856 for times.

However, Huebschen isn't alone in this endeavor, her family helps out when they can and her two boys Ray and Phil Huebschen work at Skeins and interact with the customers.

"This is a family venture" Huebschen states, "My two teenage sons have learned to knit since I opened this store."



Sandra Galeana/Whalesong

Jean Hoover and Nancy Huebschen are standing inside Skeins ready to sell yarn to Juneau. Hoover is here from Seattle visiting her sister Huebschen.

Because the store has been such a great success thanks to word of mouth from each of her customers, Huebschen states that she is going to sell yarn, which is spun and dyed by a lady in Sitka.

With parting comments Huebschen adds, "It has been a very warm welcome from town and I feel blessed to be in such a great community."

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Saturday, March 12,
Classic Race at Eaglecrest Lower Loop
11:00 AM
2.5km (Junior) up to 10 km (Senior) races

Sunday, March 13, Skate Race at Mendenhall Lake OR Eaglecrest
11:00 AM
Races ranges from 3 - 10 km

March 12 & 13, 2005

Registration forms available at:
• Foggy Mountain Shop on Franklin Street
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Race check in 10 - 10:45 a.m.

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An Article on Human Language

3rd in a series

By Chris Cairns, and Kyle Wark
FOR THE WHALESONG

Ky: Do you know, then, how strange it is, that we speak to one another, my friend; and that we understand one another is stranger still?

Ch: Who says I understood you when you spoke just now?

Ky: Quite so. And yet, if you had not understood me, what made you respond at all? It seems to my mind, that both of us took it on faith: I took it on faith that you understood me, and you challenged that faith; but, your response proves both that you understood me; and that you took it on faith, that I understood you.

Ch: I heard you speaking, it's true; and while I knew what the words you spoke meant in general, I didn't know how you meant them; and so, it's possible that you and I interpret the word "understanding" differently.

Ky: It's possible that you and I understand words differently; and in fact you and I will never know if the other understands what we mean. We can never prove absolutely, and never be assured completely, that we have communicated out meaning to anyone else.

Ch: So then do we understand each other?

Ky: If on the one hand we don't understand each other, how have we gotten this far into our conversation? Even if our understanding falls short of the mark, and we must guess to fill in the gaps, still, we understand something of what the other is saying, again, perhaps because we understand the words themselves, if not their speaker; but, because we have agreed upon what these words mean, it implies we can understand one another. On the other hand, the interpretations we make of these words, while agreeing with themselves internally – that is to say, if our personal interpretations are self-consistent – that does not automatically imply that they are consistent with another's beliefs. So I see that, on the one hand, we think that we are agreeing with each other, but we are only agreeing with ourselves. Is that something like what you believe? We only think we're agreeing with each other, but we only agree with ourselves?

Ch: Precisely! It's all a question of perspective. Both theories are equally likely.

A look back in time



In 2003, a large group of environmental conservationists protest outside of the capitol building in downtown Juneau, voicing their opinions on development in the Bernal Bay area.

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CAMPUS LIFE

"How hard it is to escape from places. However carefully one goes they hold you - you leave little bits of yourself fluttering on the fences like rags and shreds of your very life." Katherine Mansfield.

Loss of American pride worries advice seeker

Hello,

My name is Miss Informed. Mr. E and I are doing an advice column for any questions your souls want answered. Do not be shy to send in a question, no matter how pathetic it is. We are glad to give advice where needed and even when it isn't needed.

There are a couple ways to get a question to us.

1) Leave your question in the Whalesong drop box outside of the bookstore on campus.

2) Or send it to us personally at InformedE@yahoo.com

We will be waiting for your questions with downright excitement.

Dear Miss Informed and Mr. E,

First off I would like to say I love the names. Although it makes me wonder how your advice can be taken seriously. Second I have a problem that I was hoping you could help me with. I have noticed a decline in American Pride. It seems that everyone, including the Americans, have nothing good to say about our country. I realize that we are at war and that this war is very controversial, but shouldn't we stand behind our country anyway? What do you have to say?

Signed,
Lost Pride

Dear Lost Pride,

I myself was once in your shoes. I couldn't understand how people could loathe this country so much, how they could spit on American soil after what our forefathers had to do to claim this land. However, I was told that these people who have a problem with our nation do not understand what the world is like. They think the world revolves around their own idea and that all should follow that way of life.

Now I am not saying that our government doesn't make mistakes, who doesn't? But I am saying that even in the darkest hour we the people of the United States should stand together and show the world we will defend our honor.

So to answer your question, yes, we should stand behind, beside, and in front of our country. Our soldiers do it every day. Do you think the lack of pride sends them to war and die for this country? No. They cherish the freedom they fight for. It is really to bad others can't see that.

Love, Miss Informed

Doubting Pride -

First, you can take our advice any way you want to, but if you do something stupid with it please don't sue us. As for your real problem, I'd like to make it clear that just because one does not like the people in charge, or the decisions they are making on behalf of our country, does not mean that one is not patriotic or supportive of our troops. I for one am not completely supportive of recent government decisions. Despite this I still understand that military actions are the reason that we have a country in the first place, as well as remembering that not everyone can be happy with the government all the time. One can't hold against members of the armed forces decisions they did not make. Support the Troops!!! For now, show your pride and maybe some people will take your good example. If you hear anyone complaining, remind him or her that if they hate it so much, Canada is just over those mountains.

— Mr. E

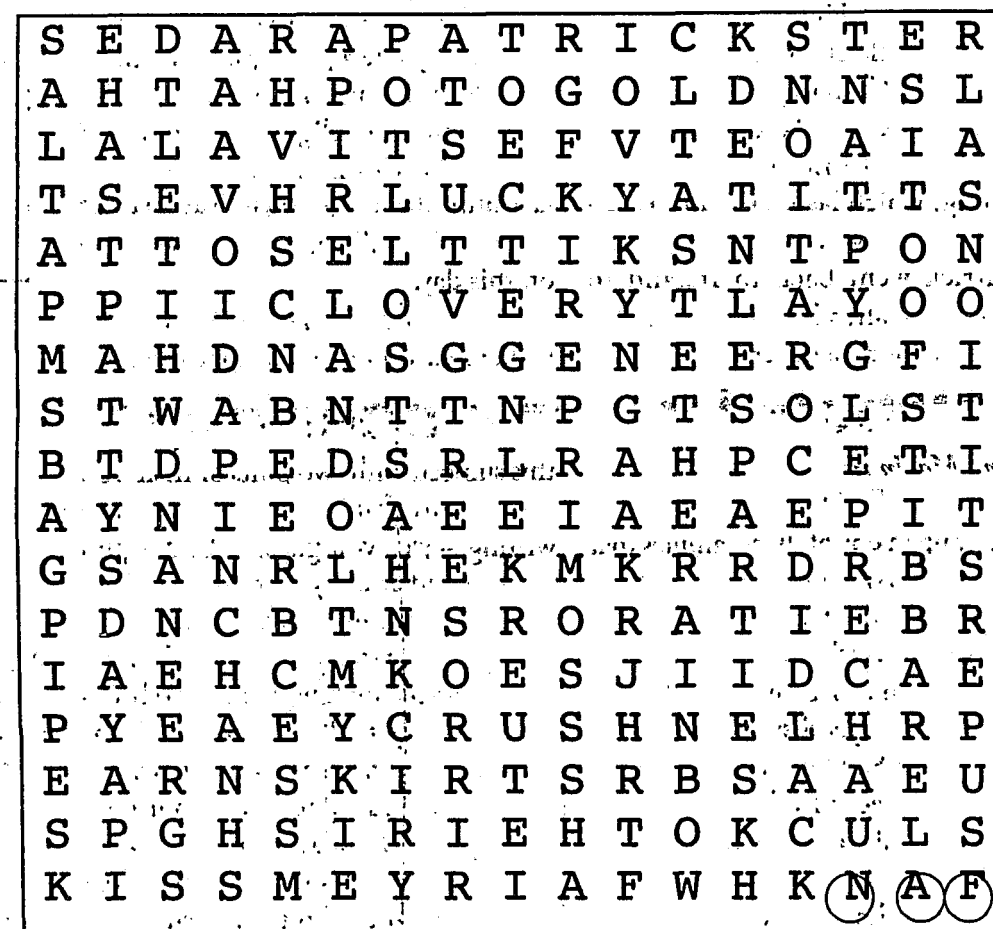


Don't forget to
wear green March
17 for Saint
Patrick's Day!

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Weekly word search, hidden message

Find the words, then solve the message Then take the letters that have not been circled And write them down reading from left to right.



Find the following
hidden words:

Ale
Avoid a Pinch
Bagpipes
Beer
Blarney stone
Clover
Crush
Decorations
Fairy
Fan
Festival

Green and white
Green eggs and ham
horseshoe
Ireland
Jokes
Kilts
Kiss me
Lack
Leprechaun
Little green men
Luck o the Irish
Lucky
Parades
Parties

Patrick
Pay
Pot o gold
Rabbit's foot
Saint
Salt
Shamrocks
Skirts
Skittles
St. patty's day
Superstitions
Taste the rainbow
Top hat
Trickster

Do you know St. Patrick?

By Sandra Galeana
WHALESONG EDITOR

St. Patrick was born into a wealthy Christian family near the end of the fourth century. At the age of 16, he was taken prisoner by a group of Irish raiders. They took Patrick to Ireland where he spent six years in captivity. During this time, he took up a job of being a Shepherd where he turned to his religion for comfort; some say this is when Patrick began thinking about changing the religion of Ireland to Christianity.

After six years of oppression, Patrick escaped, believing that God spoke to him in a dream telling him to leave Ireland. To follow the path of God, Patrick walked 200 miles from County Mayo. Finally making it to Britain, Patrick claimed he saw and angel who told him to go on a missionary quest back to Ireland. Because of this revelation, Patrick began religious schooling, which lasted for almost 15 years. After he was ordained a priest, St. Patrick went back to Ireland to preach to the already believers and to convert the non-believers.

St Urho's Day or a beer day?

By Jana MacInnis
WHALESONG CONTRIBUTOR

I grew up in one of those families that have, shall we say, a 'unique' sense of humor. So when my Finnish grandfather demanded the celebration of St. Urho's day upon his marriage into our family, we all took it in good stride. Grandpa taught me that St. Urho was the Finnish Saint that scared all of the grasshoppers out of Finland, the day before St. Patrick had his 'alleged' march through Ireland. St. Urho's day colors are green and purple, and it is celebrated the day BEFORE St. Patrick's Day, somehow making it more superior than the afore mentioned Irish holiday.

I didn't really think much of our newfound family tradition until Sandra (the soon-to-be-famous Whalesong editor) gave me the assignment of writing a piece related to St. Patrick's day for this issue of the paper. "ST. PATRICK'S DAY?" I said, eyes wide with shock. "Who celebrates that?" Apparently it's everyone but me. And so I began the lengthy process of researching the Finnish Saint, Urho.

My research began as any should on

St. Patrick, in order to connect with the Irish people, would use Irish traditions and blend them with Christianity. On Easter, since Irish were used to celebrating with fire, St. Patrick would have a bonfire and to make the cross seem more natural to the Irish, a symbol was placed on it, which gained the name the Celtic cross.

So from what you have read here, the St. Patrick's Day holiday is not because of the four-leaf clover and green beer, it is when Ireland was introduced to the religion of Christianity and they were grateful for this. The reason for the holiday being on March 17 is because it celebrates the anniversary of St. Patrick's death, which seems sort of gothic to me. While most of America celebrates this holiday like a party, pinching those who do not where green, this holiday in Ireland is a religious holiday and taken seriously among the followers, in fact until the 1970's there was a law in Ireland where all pubs were to be closed on this day.

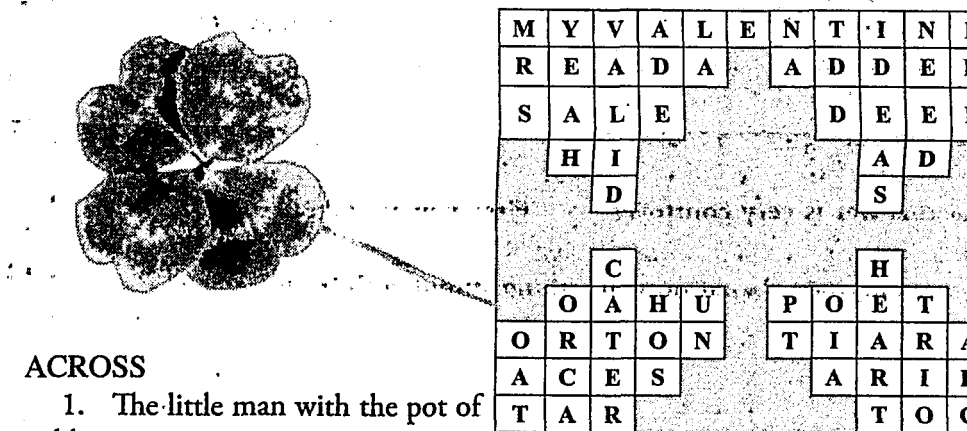
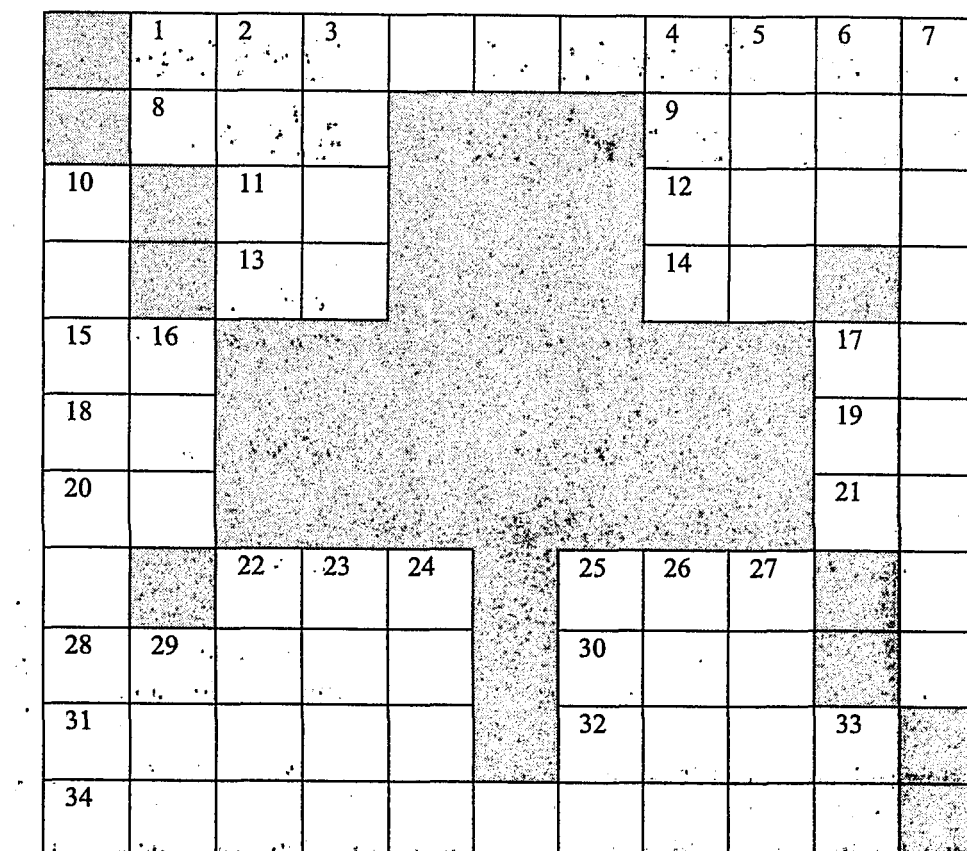
To learn more go to www.historychannel.com/exhibits/stpatricksdays

this subject, with two pints of Irish Beer (no I didn't drink them BOTH while writing - jeez you guys). With a pint in one hand and my computer in front of me, I began my search. It turns out that according to <http://www.helsinki.fi> (a very official looking Finnish website) St. Urho is actually the patron Saint of Finnish immigrants, and St. Urho's day was created right here in our own country. St. Urho, as the legend states, grew strong on fish soup and sour whole milk and then chased the grasshoppers away saving Finland's endangered crop of grapes. Funny thing is they don't mention the fact that there's no grapes OR grasshoppers in Finland...

After finishing my second pint, I realized the true meaning of these holidays. Essentially, some Irish immigrants and Finnish immigrants all got drunk down at the local pub and got in a storytelling contest about who's Saint was better, and as the Finnish holiday is completely made up, it happens the day before St. Patrick's day, thereby using up all the beer reserved for the Irish, because who's going to tell you a holiday doesn't exist?

Solve our lucky crossword

By Jana MacInnis
WHALESONG CONTRIBUTOR



Answers from the Valentines Day Puzzle

ACROSS

- The little man with the pot of gold
- Also known as beer
- Russian female name
- Exists
- Island in Hawaii
- "What?" - when you don't care
- Kansas
- "Where are you ___?"
- Exclamation
- Montana
- Height (abbr.)
- ___, A drop of golden sun
- Third note of the vocal scale
- Yellow Turtle Inn (abbr.)
- Talk a lot
- Neat and Tidy
- Oregon Library Association (abbr.)
- Scottish men wear them
- Stress at the joint
- Irish holiday in March

DOWN

- Los Angeles
- Wallach and Whitney
- Currency in Mexico
- Peter Pan's foe
- Woe is me!!!
- Exclamation of disgust
- More disobedient
- Clover in Ireland
- Most people have ten
- Measurement of resistance
- Cry for help
- Good bye in the 100-acre woods
- "Meet me ___ Louis"
- Famous Desert
- Actor, Baldwin
- Place to put money
- Ignited
- New Gameboy model

from Juneau, pg. 1

A long time issue among Juneauites is the development of Berners Bay, north of Echo Cove. Many people want this pristine bay to be preserved, while

others, who support the road, want the area to be developed. Starting in the next few months, the Juneau road system will be expanded by six miles to Cascade Point, where a ferry terminal for the Kensington Mine will be built. The building of this road is going to be undertaken by Goldbelt Inc. who

owns the land at Cascade Point. Goldbelt has for years planned on developing Cascade Point and the road expansion will allow access to this currently remote area. This stretching of the Juneau road system is just the beginning of many years of development in the North Lynn Canal region if plans go ahead.

Supporters of the road contend the road's opening would open Juneau up to the rest of North America's road system. "I want to be able to drive to Whitehorse

with my family," says Juneau resident Robert Sullivan. "You can't do that now without having to get on the ferry. The road would make travel a lot easier." The road could also help lower the cost of living, and open up economic opportunities that are currently limited by the lack of road.

Just as the road would make getting out of Juneau easier, it will make it even easier for visitors to get to Juneau, which raises more questions. The construction of the road and the opening of Juneau to traffic from the Alaska-Canada Highway will bring an estimated 78,000 new visitors in 2008. Also, R.V. visitors to Juneau would nearly triple to about 12,000 people in the first year of the opening of the road. Many other areas of Juneau would

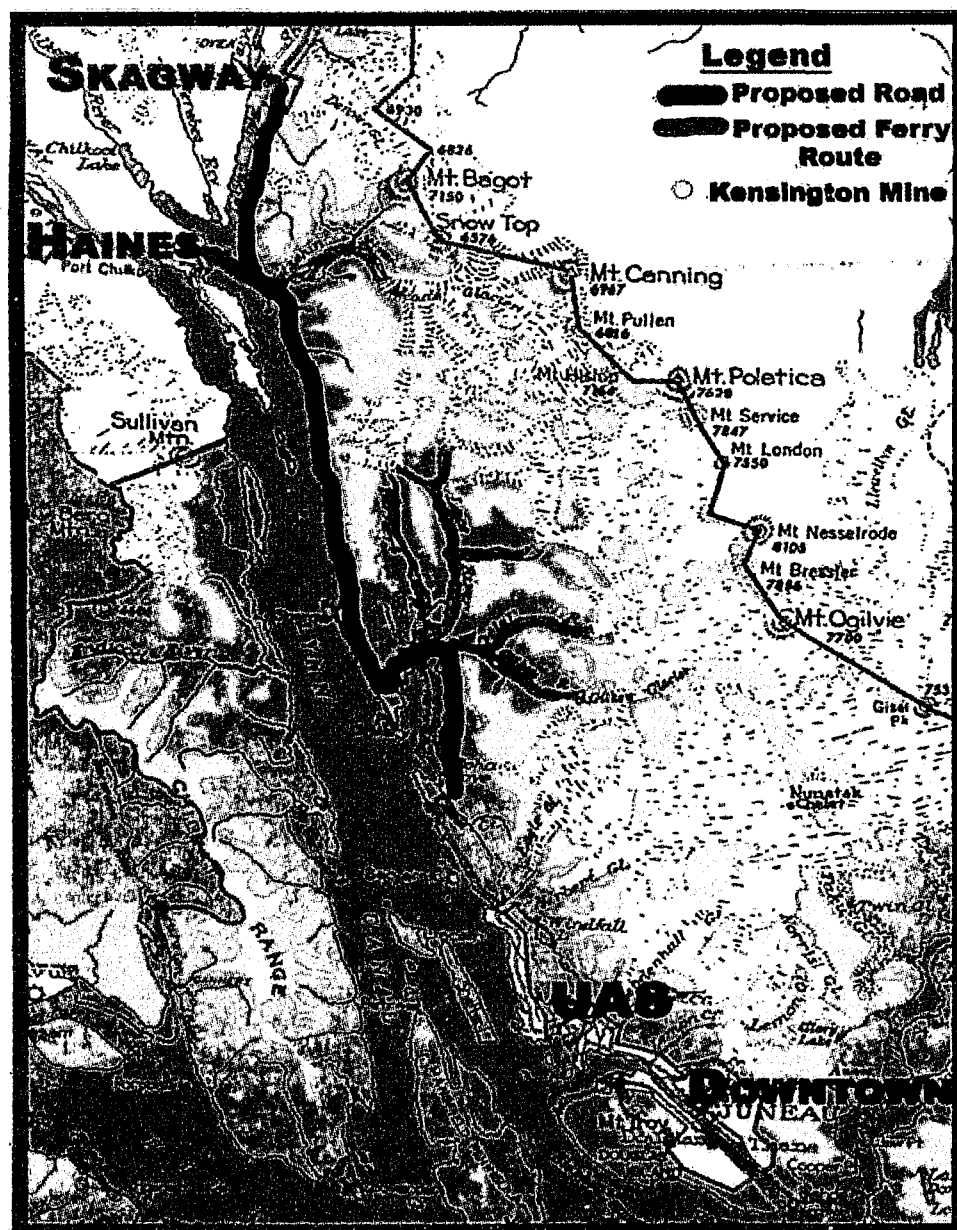
have to be developed to accommodate the influx of visitors. On top of the up to 10,000 daily cruise ship passengers, this increase in visitors might cause an increase in local economy, however it could weigh heavily on the shoulders of Juneau residents

Environmental conservationists op-

pose the building of the road. Northern Lynn Canal is a place of unique remoteness and a place of breath-taking grandeur. The undeveloped shores of the canal are essential habitat for black bears, brown bears, wolves, moose, salmon, and is home to large tracts of pristine old-growth forest. According to the Juneau Access Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), about 629 acres of forest, 31 acres of salmon streams, and 93 acres of wetlands would fall victim to the construction of the road. Also scientists believe that road development could cause a 30 percent reduction in brown bear habitat.

"I think that the road would open up Berners Bay to mining and logging, which is something that I don't think we need in this town right now," states Brian Guthry, a Douglas resident who opposes the road being built.

As Juneau residents remain split 50-50 on whether or not to build the road, the issue will soon be out of our hands. The Department of Transportation is currently taking comments from residents. You are urged to voice your opinion on this very important issue through March 12. For more information, visit the Juneau Access Project information office in the Mendenhall Mall.



Jennifer Scott gazes out into a maze of old growth trees in Berners Bay, a place where many people in Juneau benefit from it as a recreational retreat. People enjoy its remoteness and undisturbed beauty, something that could be threatened by road construction.



Daniel Buck/Whalesong

Ancient moss covered trees surrounded by devil's club in a large tract of old growth forest are some of the features that make Berners Bay and Lynn Canal so special. Left: The east shore of Lynn Canal with Eldred Rock Lighthouse in the foreground. The proposed road would be built close to shore at the base of this large mountain. In winter there will be a danger of avalanches on this road, which worries some residents.